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Charleston. July. 16. 1785.

Dear
D. Keen.

Altho' a very long letter which I wrote you some time ago is not yet seen on its passage, I cannot for fear troubling ^{you} with a few lines more by the same opportunity in addition to what I have already written you: tho' by the bye I expect you will give me Credit for two, if not three letters (the former one being so long & full) notwithstanding that you will receive them all by the same hand.

I have spoken to Holmes respecting your Bonds & Notes & I am sorry to say he seems to give but very little hopes, as he finds some of the monies due thereon had been paid to Print & discharges are produced of such part thereof as is dueable. He is therefore embarrassed & cast he should run you to a fruitless expense - you must therefore give directions how he is to proceed - I have directed him (considering the misfortune you met with in having your draught protested) in the mean time to proceed as rapidly as possible in the prosecution of your suit; which if you disapprove, you will direct accordingly.

I perceive Livingston carried the ambassadorship to the Hague - let me know the particulars of this - how were we outmaneuvered?

You say in your last Congress must have the regulation of the West India Trade at least; This State you know has given them that Power: have not the others done the same?

It is with much regret that I mention the death of our Friend Barnard Elliott at Port Royal a few days ago: It is the worst misfortune

with which humanity is afflicted, that of the loss of
those who are dear to us.

I assure you read by this Letter, full charged
with the extreme heat of our Sunshine & his own
ardor, Fire, & Anxiety to revisit his Love —
but hush — not a word more of Love to you
which I can & hear. your friend.

J. F. Grimké

W. Bee asks you for the Resolves & Journals
of Congress.

Remind you all the etc.

Our family it seems are to meet on wed-
nesday ^{next the 20th inst} to determine whether the Assembly
shall be called in October — our adjourn-
ment is to the 1st Monday in September.

Such is the state of our affairs.

Remember me most sincerely to all.

J. F. Grimké
July 16. 1785

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